

reference. This application discloses the use of a radio frequency (RF) communication system including communication devices. The disclosed communication devices include an interrogator and a remote transponder, such as a tag or card. Another example of a wireless communication system including a backscatter system is described in U.S. Patent No. 5,649,296 to MacLellan et al. which is also incorporated herein by reference.--.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 11 of page 8 with the following clean replacement paragraph in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(1)(ii):

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--Communication stations 120 of interrogator 26 preferably individually include receive circuitry configured to receive the return link wireless signals 29 and apply return link communication signals to interrogator housing 14 for processing as described in detail below. Further receive operations of interrogator 26 are described in a copending U.S. patent application filed the same day as the present application, having the title "Wireless Communication Systems, Interrogators and Methods of Communicating Within a Wireless Communication System", assigned to assignee hereof, having attorney docket number MI40-180, naming David Ovard and Roy Greeff as inventors, now U.S. Patent No. 6,356,764 B1, issued on March 12, 2002, and incorporated herein by reference.--.

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In the Abstract

Please replace the Abstract with the following:

--A wireless communication system includes an interrogator including a housing including circuitry configured to generate a forward link communication signal;